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GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

TAGS: MASS, ES

SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR PURCHASE OF ISRAELI AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 188645

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR SEPTEMBER 24  
NOON BRIEFING TO BE USED ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS:

QUESTION: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE REPORTS THAT  
ISRAEL IS SELLING MILITARY ARMAMENTS TO MEXICO AND EL  
SALVADOR?

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ANSWER: I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU PUT YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE ISRAELIS OR THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

QUESTION: IS U.S. EQUIPMENT INVOLVED?

ANSWER: WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REQUESTS FROM ISRAEL FOR THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS TO MEXICO OR EL SALVADOR.

2. BRIEFER ALSO WAS INSTRUCTED TO "TAKE" ANY OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED WHEN INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

3. NO QUESTIONS RELATING TO ISRAELI ARMS SALES WERE ASKED DURING THE SEPTEMBER 24 BRIEFING.

4. POST MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS NEEDED FOR PRESS GUIDANCE.  
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